

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/AU2005/000047

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER		
Int. Cl. 7: E04C 2/28		
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED		
Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)		
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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used) DWPI: IPC E04B 2/72, E04C 2/28, 2/292, 2/296, 2/32, E04D 3/18, 3/34, 3/35, 3/363 and keywords (sheet, profiled, rolled, metal, steel, mould, attach, connect) and like terms		
C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	DE 3015937 A1 (LETZERICH) 29 October 1981 Figures 1, 2, 4 and 6	1-22
X	WO 1997/023693 A1 (RECHERCHE ET DEVELOPPEMENT DU GROUPE COCKERILL SAMBRE) 3 July 1997 Figures 1-3	1-22
X	DE 3909157 A1 (KESTING) 11 October 1990 Drawings	1, 5, 18
X	GB 2245618 A (EUROCLAD (SOUTH WALES) LIMITED) 8 January 1992 Figure 2	1, 18
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Patent Document Cited in Search Report		Patent Family Member
DE	3015937	NONE
DE	3909157	NONE
WO	9723693	NONE
GB	2245618	NONE
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Applicant's or agent's file reference FP20709	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Form PCT/IPEA/416
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Box No. I Basis of the report

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims 1 – 22	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1 – 22	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1 – 22	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following documents identified in the International Search Report have been considered for the purposes of this report:

DE 3015937 WO 1997/023693 DE 3909157 GB 2245618

Novelty (N) and Inventive Step (IS) Claims 1-22

None of the documents cited in the ISR disclose all of the features of independent claims 1, 2, 18 and 19. Particularly there is no disclosure of a cladding material which is moulded into the plank profile (of a composite constructional element) and which extends continuously between the opposed edge faces (of the element) such that it is retained by the rear face and the opposed edge faces.

Therefore the subject matter of these claims is new and is not obvious and, as such, meets the requirements of Articles 33(2) and 33(3) of the PCT with regard to novelty and inventive step respectively.

Industrial Applicability (IA)

The invention defined in the claims is considered to meet the requirements of Industrial Applicability under Article 33(4) of the PCT because it can be made by, or used in, industry.

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